

## DITCH OR NOTHING—BELMONT

BETTER NO SUBWAY THAN RUIN,  
THE MERCHANTS REPLY.

Broadway Business Men Not Alarmed by the Report That the Interborough Will Not Build Except by an Open Cut—Brooklyn Merchants Are Alarmed.

It was authentically stated yesterday that August Belmont, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, should there be further opposition of a proposed character to the construction of a subway under Broadway by the ditch-digging process, will write to the Rapid Transit Commissioners withdrawing the application made by the company for the right to build a tunnel between Forty-second and Fourteenth streets, and adding that even should the commission adhere to the proposed route the Interborough company would not be a bidder for the contract.

The idea is that an independent concern could not build it and operate this line at a profit and that this argument will be used to influence the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners to follow the same plan of construction that has been followed in the original subway.

It is Mr. Belmont's intention not only to withdraw his application for the Broadway franchise, but also to threaten the commission that if the Broadway spur will be authorized his company will not bid for the contract. It is understood further that Mr. Belmont will intimate that if the Broadway merchants are opposed to having a subway raised along the route the Interborough company will be entirely willing to construct a railroad along Seventh avenue.

Mr. Belmont declined to answer any inquiries concerning the action his company would take. "This matter," he said, "has gone beyond the mere withdrawal of our application to tunnel under Broadway. It now rests with the Rapid Transit Commission to determine what the proper construction shall be followed. When they have determined that, we will be able to state what course we will follow."

Another statement that can be made on good authority is that the Belmont-McDonald syndicate have decided that they will not bid on a contract for a genuine tunnel under Broadway. They have decided that they will have either a ditch opening or nothing. The reason for this determination, it was ascertained, is that the heads of the syndicate think that they could not make a sixty feet deep tunnel part of their general subway system.

Members of the committee of fifty who are to meet to-day to organize to fight a ditch in Broadway said last night that they would not be bluffed by the president of the Interborough company.

"It seems to us," said one of the organizers of the movement, "that it is preposterous for the Interborough company to dictate to the Rapid Transit Commission and to the taxpayers of the city. If there is any backbone in the Rapid Transit Commission the Interborough company will be made to understand that it is not going to be the sole boss of New York just because it has some contracts that make the possibility of dealing with other parties remote. The company ought to be willing to follow the instruction of the Rapid Transit Commission if the members thereof decide with us."

"If the city as a whole can get along without this branch we can do without it. If the Interborough company can get along without such a valuable connecting link of its lines we can afford to do without it."

"Mr. Belmont no doubt expects to find us very much scared at the prospect of changing the route to Seventh avenue. That is where he is mistaken. Rather than have an open cut in Broadway for three years we would much prefer to have Seventh avenue selected. Broadway will be closed as long as New York occupies the island of Manhattan and Mr. Belmont can't shift Broadway to Seventh avenue by changing the route. The theatres, hotels and shops in Broadway will always be near enough to the transportation lines to hold their paramount place. We won't be scared, and unless we are to be greatly disappointed in the Rapid Transit Commission Mr. Belmont's bluff won't stand up."

"Some of us who can't stand the strain of a long financial struggle would far rather have Broadway undisturbed than to have any subway branch at all. Let Mr. Belmont take his bankruptcy ditch over to Seventh avenue if he can boss the Rapid Transit Commission."

The committee of fifty will meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

## BROOKLYN MERCHANTS AROUSED.

James Matthews of the dry goods firm of A. D. Matthews & Sons has called a meeting of the merchants of Brooklyn at Fulton street between Broadway and Flatbush avenue, at the Brooklyn Club next Monday afternoon, to take measures against the ditching of that thoroughfare for the construction of the tunnel. At the conference an organization will be effected.

On Nov. 6 Mr. Swannstrom, the President of the borough, met the leading Fulton street merchants at his office and discussed with them the subject of the tunnel. Their views were embodied in this resolution:

Resolved, That in the sense of this meeting that the work on said subway between the limits stated should be done in three or more sections, each section to be completed, if possible, before work on another is begun.

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar relation to the whole of Brooklyn of this portion of Fulton street, the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners be requested to take such further and special measures as their judgment may approve to minimize both the time of construction of this portion of the subway and the necessary loss and inconvenience certain to arise therefrom, not only to the business men along said thoroughfare, but to the whole Brooklyn public.

Mr. Swannstrom promptly laid the resolutions before the Rapid Transit Commission and received the assurance of that body that the resolutions of the merchants would be carried out to the letter. In spite of these assurances the merchants are apprehensive that the devastation wrought in Fourth avenue and Forty-second street, Manhattan, may be repeated in Brooklyn.

## IN CONFERENCE ON FINANCE.

## Long Night Session of President and Senators at Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 12.—A most important conference between President Roosevelt and the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Finance, composed of Senators Spooner of Wisconsin, Allison of Iowa, Platt of Connecticut and Aldrich of Rhode Island, is being held to-night at Sagamore Hill.

The distinguished party got here this afternoon on the steam yacht Virginia, belonging to a son of ex-Gov. Roosevelt P. Flower. They came across the Sound from Warwick, Senator Aldrich's summer home, where a conference over the proposed financial legislation had been going on for several days. Senator Spooner said, before going to Sagamore, that the party had come to talk over "many important matters" with Mr. Roosevelt. He said he did not care to say anything at present about financial legislation. From another source it was learned that the proposed bill has not been fully drafted, but the measures which the sub-committee wants to embody in it have been put in such form that the President can pass on them readily.

Mr. Roosevelt's views, it can be said, will predominate in the preparation of the measure.

The President has already announced that he most earnestly desires that the bill be ready for introduction in the special session of Congress which will convene on Nov. 9, and the members of the sub-committee also were said to-night, are in favor of bringing the measure up at that time.

The conference to-night, it can be said, is proceeding along the lines laid down by the President in his speeches, in which Mr. Roosevelt advocates legislation looking toward a more elastic currency system, and one which will be less susceptible than the present to the fluctuations of values.

The committee will remain with the President over night, and the conference will probably be continued to-morrow morning.

## FEELING AGAINST WOOD SPREADS

## Opposition to His Promotion Very Strong Among Civil War Veterans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Authoritative advice received by army officers here say that a general movement for the purpose of having the Grand Encampment of the G. A. R. declare against the promotion of Gen. Leonard Wood to Major-General in the army has begun, and that it is rapidly extending throughout the country.

Copies of the resolutions referred to in this Sun this morning have been distributed to many of the important State organizations of the movement. It was ascertained to-day that he was certain the resolutions would meet with unqualified approval.

It was learned this afternoon that while the resolutions are very strongly worded they do not mention Gen. Wood by name, but do declare that it is the opinion of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic that in the promotion of officers of the army to the grade of General only officers with active field service should be selected.

It is resolved further that officers having the longest active field service should get the preference.

## DOCTORS CALLED BY J. W. GATES.

## He Has Dysentery, With Hemorrhages—No Operation, Says Dr. McBurney.

SARATOGA, Aug. 12.—John W. Gates has a stubborn case of dysentery, accompanied by hemorrhages.

Mr. Gates was ill when he arrived here last night. He was taken to the hotel, where he was attended by Dr. Calvin S. May of New York. Yesterday afternoon, after he got back from the races to his cottage at the United States Hotel, Mr. Gates seemed not to be so well, and the family suggested that a surgeon be called in consultation with the physician.

A preference was expressed for Dr. Charles McBurney, who is an old friend of Dr. May. The latter happened to know that Dr. McBurney was at his country place at Stockbridge, Mass., and telegraphed for him at once. He arrived late last evening. The surgeon and physician examined Mr. Gates this morning.

Mr. Gates was taken with dysentery last March and he has suffered from it ever since. Hemorrhages set in about a month ago and there was recurrence of these at more or less frequent intervals until last Saturday, when there was a response to Dr. May's treatment and there have been no more hemorrhages for three days. It is believed that they have been checked for good.

Dr. McBurney made a thorough examination of the patient this morning, and when it was over he said there was no need of an operation, and he was not in favor of the contemplation of one. Further than that, he agreed in all details with the treatment prescribed by Dr. May, and returned to Stockbridge soon after the consultation. To THE SUN correspondent Dr. May made the following statement this evening:

"Mr. Gates's condition is not at all dangerous. With the exception of to-day, he has been to the races nearly every day. It is not the business of a physician to predict, but I may say that I see no reason why Mr. Gates should not be restored to perfect health. Laymen, and particularly the laymen of Wall Street, may get, perhaps, a better notion of Mr. Gates's condition when it is stated that he spends no more time in bed than the average well man, and that to-night he received his friends in his cottage and smoked his usual number of fat cigars."

## CANAL BOARD AFOAT

## On the B. B. Odell, Jr., L. L. D., Looking for Hdy-Boat for State Money.

Attorney-General John Cunniff, who is the one Democratic member of the Canal Board, said last night that he was going to Albany to-day and on Friday morning would start with the other members of the board on an inspection trip of the canals. The board will start from Cohoes, tour the Champlain Canal, then the Oswego Canal and then up the Erie to Buffalo. Superintendent of Public Works Boyd will point out spots where he thinks State money should be deposited.

The stanch State tug the Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., L. L. D., will carry the voyagers.

## SHEEHAN BACK IN TAMMANY?

## A MEETING WITH MURPHY AT SARATOGA EXPECTED.

Borough Presidency Seems to Tim Sullivan Too Big a Consideration for the G. N. Y. D. Vote—Hill Has a Finger in the Pie—Cantor to Be at the Talk.

John C. Sheehan, who has been at Saratoga for some days, came down to New York yesterday, used his telephone diligently and went back to the Spa last night. Jacob A. Cantor, Borough President, who, with Mr. Sheehan, is supposed to control the policies of the Greater New York Democracy, is at Saratoga. Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, will go up on an early train Monday morning. David B. Hill will be there.

It got out last night that Murphy, Sheehan and Cantor are to have a talk some time Monday which may determine the course of the Greater New York Democracy in the coming municipal campaign. Borough President Cantor's anxiety to get back into Tammany Hall has been evident for some time. For six months the Sullivan have been able to get anything they wanted from the Borough President's office—and much that other people wanted as well. Big Tim and Little Tim have had the entrée to Mr. Cantor's office at all hours.

When on the eve of his vacation Mr. Cantor announced that on his return he could make a formal statement that he did not intend to stand in the fusion nomination for Borough President, it was construed by his friends as a sign that if he went over to Tammany he did not intend to leave ground for the charge that personal disappointment had instigated him.

It has long ranked in Mr. Cantor's breast that the fusion forces have not held him in the same sanctity as Mayor Low and other figures of the administration, and he has more than once expressed this distinction came of his politics. Whenever Mayor Low was assailed, say Mr. Cantor's friends, the whole fusion outfit sprang to his defense, but when ill things were said of Mr. Cantor's administration the fusion leaders sat back and remembered that he was a Democrat. Then it came as a fust to Mr. Cantor's accumulated store of passion that the chairman of the July Grand Jury, who, Mr. Cantor said, had been an applicant for an appointment from him, with the support of fusion elements, brought in a presentment against him because of the condition of the asphaltum on the city streets.

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The combined vote polled in the last primaries by Sheehan and Goodwin was 11,000. Mr. Sheehan following in his own footsteps, he is quite sure that he will have beaten Devery out of sight. The followers of Devery are now asserting that Sheehan following in his own footsteps, he is quite sure that he will have beaten Devery out of sight. The followers of Devery are now asserting that Sheehan following in his own footsteps, he is quite sure that he will have beaten Devery out of sight.

A few months ago it did not look as if Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sheehan could be brought together, but now it is quite possible that they will be. Mr. Murphy to take him back into Tammany. Just what appraisal Mr. Sheehan puts on what he can do for the fusion forces he may make known to the leader of Tammany next Monday. It is understood that Mr. Murphy is more anxious to take the Greater New York Democracy back into the coming campaign than he is to quiet Herman Ridder and his German-American Reform Club. With this in mind, Mr. Murphy is more anxious to take the Greater New York Democracy back into the coming campaign than he is to quiet Herman Ridder and his German-American Reform Club.

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ROME, Aug. 12.—There have been earthquake shocks throughout southern Italy and eastern Sicily. At Muro, near Mount Etna, some houses fell and others were ruined. The inhabitants are compelled to sleep in the fields. The seismic disturbances have extended to Malta and to Greece. Mount Etna, the centre of the disturbed area, is inactive.

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## Earl of Rosslyn's Divorced Wife Marries Charles Jarrott, Automobileist.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Mr. Charles Jarrott, the well-known automobileist who represented Great Britain in the recent race in Ireland for the international cup, married to-day the Countess of Rosslyn.

The Countess of Rosslyn announces that she will drop her title and henceforth be known as Mrs. Charles Jarrott. The acquaintance between the couple began a year ago, when the Countess's motor car broke down on the road. Jarrott repaired it and this meeting led to a warm friendship.

Jarrott is under 30 years of age. He was educated at Cambridge University, where he won many prizes for bicycling, riding, swimming and running. He is now a motor manufacturer. The honeymoon will be spent on an automobile tour.

The Earl of Rosslyn divorced his Countess last year. They were married in 1890 and have two children, a son and a daughter. The Countess was Miss Violet Alana Vyner. Mr. Jarrott is a member of the Earl of the New York public three or four seasons ago and he took parts in various plays here under the name of James Frayne. His engagement to Miss Beatrice Irwin, an actress, was announced here last season while they were playing in the same company at the Garrick, but it was subsequently broken off.

## ON DENYING BAIL TO CHILDREN.

## Justice Freedman's Opinion of Police Court Find-of-Beer Practice.

"Under all circumstances, regardless of any law to the contrary," Justice Freedman in the Supreme Court yesterday, "this court will exercise its right to admit such prisoners as this to bail. Children are wards of the court and are always entitled to its protection. It is an outrage that a tired mechanic's child, going for a pint of beer, may be cast into prison like a common criminal and actually deprived of bail."

He discharged from custody Morris Moses, a fourteen-year-old boy of 1857 Second avenue, who was committed to the Jersey city as a witness against a liquor dealer. The liquor dealer is accused of selling the boy a pint of beer his father had sent him for. The boy was committed to the Jersey city as a witness against a liquor dealer.

C. L. Hoffman got a writ of habeas corpus and deputed the constitutionality of the practice, pointing out that under it a child might be kept locked up for weeks and months without any remedy.

## JAMAICAN TOWNS WIPED OUT.

## Port Antonio Chief Suffered From the Cyclone—Some Lives Lost.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 11 (delayed).—A hurricane swept over this island last night. The banana industry has been almost wiped out. The city of Kingston suffered considerable damage, especially in the suburbs.

The vessels in Kingston harbor also suffered severely. The American schooner Rescue and the brigantine Galatea from Halifax were damaged.

The railway, telegraph and electric light plants and the street car system were wrecked.

The damage will amount to about \$3,000,000. The wind is still very high to-day and further damage is apprehended.

The steamship Ellida, which went ashore last Thursday, was floated last night and is now safe. She plies between Galveston and the West Indies.

Longford, Aug. 13.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Kingston, Jamaica, says that a cyclone on Tuesday night did immense damage on the island. It ruined the banana plantations and destroyed and unroofed houses. The damage is placed at \$10,000,000.

Several towns on the east and north sides of the island were wiped out completely.

Port Antonio, it is reported, was completely overwhelmed. Only six houses were left standing. The United Fruit Company's buildings were blown down and five of the company's steamers driven ashore.

The loss of life in some districts is said to be very large. Thousands are homeless and starving.

Kingston was completely cut off from the rest of the island. The United Fruit Company's buildings were blown down and five of the company's steamers driven ashore.

The railways and telegraphs are interrupted. A heavy rain is still falling and high winds continue. Business is practically suspended.

## CONSIDER POPE'S CASE SERIOUS.

## Correspondents Say Belief in Vatican Is That He Has Heart Disease.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 13.—Le-patches from Rome continue to refer to the fainting fit of the Pope while celebrating mass in the Pauline Chapel on Tuesday as a serious incident. One correspondent says that a prelate who assisted in carrying the Pope from the chapel heard a noise in his chest of an alarming character. He believes that the Pope has heart disease.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the belief that the Pope is a sufferer from heart disease prevails at the Vatican, where it is thought his Pontificate will be short.

The doctors now say that the Pope sleeps tranquilly for the first time since his election. It is understood that Cardinals Satolli, Gotti, Rampella and Mocenni have been appointed to administer the Vatican finances. Large measures of financial reform are expected.

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## MASSACHUSETTS HITS A ROCK.

## BATTLESHIP DAMAGED SLIGHTLY AND PUTS BACK.

Had Started With the Fleet in a Dense Fog for Oyster Bay—Struck Dry Ledge—Plate Broken on the Port Bow—Only Two of Her Compartments Flooded.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 12.—The first accident of the summer naval war game of the North Atlantic fleet, or, as Capt. Joseph G. Eaton puts it, the first serious incident, happened this afternoon at 12:28 o'clock, when the battleship Massachusetts ran on a rock pinnacle projecting from Dry Ledge, the southwestern point of Egg Rock, as she was leaving her berth with the fleet for Oyster Bay.

The accident occurred about three miles southeast of Bar Harbor. The battleship did not run into the rock, but just grazed it with her port bow, twenty-four feet under her waterline, which is two feet less than she draws.

The hull of the collision was a crack in the metal plate large enough to admit three fingers of a man's hand. This crack gave the water admission to two of the 140 compartments into which the hull of the ship is divided, and so was far from serious. The ship might have thirty or forty compartments filled and yet be in no danger of sinking.

The coast to-day was enveloped with the thickest fog that has been in here this summer, and it was impossible for the watch officers of the battleship to see more than 100 feet ahead of the ship at the time she struck. Extra precautions had been taken, as it was considered to be dangerous sailing. Five officers were on the lookout in front of the pilot house, instead of the two who have regular duty there. Among them was Capt. Eaton himself. Before the Massachusetts struck she was over pretty close to shore. When the ship was passing Long Porcupine Island, the fog lifted for a few minutes and the captain found his ship less than 100 feet from the shore.

It was a surprise to many that Admiral Barker set sail in so thick a fog. Had the Admiral deferred his departure for two hours, the accident would not have happened, as the fog lifted noticeably by 2 o'clock. The Massachusetts was the most easterly ship in the formation and she was off the port side of the Texas, though the density of the fog. Soundings were taken constantly. Just before the ship struck, sixteen fathoms was reported to the Captain, and just afterward the soundings showed ten fathoms.

Capt. Eaton said to-night that his ship was in her course, according to the chart, and this is possible, as there are many deep rocks and pinnacles which are not on the charts. It is not often that a big boat comes up to it to these waters. The torpedo-boat destroyers, which have been making soundings here, have found several rocks that are not on the charts. It is not probable that it will take much work to repair the ship. Her injury was not so serious that she could not have gone on, but Capt. Eaton thought it safer to bring her back into the harbor and have divers examine the break carefully.

Capt. Eaton said to-night that he was ready to sail as soon as he received word from the Navy Department. The crew was kept busy to-night shifting the ammunition from the forward part of the ship aft to keep the boat on an even keel.

About 140 tons of water entered through the little crack, 120 tons of which is in one of the compartments. Had the accident happened a little nearer the middle of the boat not nearly so much water would have been taken in, as the compartments there are much smaller.

At the time of the accident the best of discipline prevailed. The jar of the collision was felt by the officers, and they at once sent an orderly below to see what was wrong. The danger signal, the siren whistle, was then blown and every man jumped to his place without the slightest excitement. All of the compartments were closed, the marine corps was at its station at the lifeboats, and every jacky was at his post.

The danger signal at once drew the Indiana, which is a sister ship of the Massachusetts, the Scorpion and three destroyers to her side, and the Admiral sent these boats to accompany the injured ship back to the harbor. As soon as the harbor was reached the destroyers were sent back to the fleet, but the Scorpion and Indiana stayed during the night, and they will probably rejoin the fleet to-morrow.

Capt. Eaton said to-night: "We are all right, and if the incident had happened in deep sea we should have kept right on sailing, but under the circumstances it seemed best to come back. The fog was the thickest we have had during the maneuvers, and we could not see half the ship's length ahead of us. We are ready to sail as soon as the Navy Department notifies us where we are to go."

"It was just as if you bruised your shoulder in passing through a door. We may have been standing a bit too near the eastward and the tide was carrying us in considerably, as it was only an hour, but we are all right."

This is not the first accident that has taken place on this ledge of rock. Several ships have struck it, and some have gone down there. An old seaman said to-night: "We've been hollerin' a long time for a buoy out there, and now, maybe, we'll get it."

The last ship to run onto the ledge was the old Ann, fishing schooner. She was returning from a haul when she struck the rock and went down with her full cargo and crew.

The naval fleet left here shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. In the fleet, besides the Massachusetts and those vessels which returned with her, were the Bear, sloop, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Olympia, Prairie and the torpedo boat destroyer Tullia. The fleet will go to Oyster Bay where it will be reviewed by the President and then return to Rockland, Me., where it will coal, in preparation for the joint army and navy maneuvers of Portland harbor.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 12.—During the last four weeks nearly sixty miles of cable has been laid in Casco Bay in an intricate network of the coming war game. Every fort and every point of prominence within a radius of ten miles of the harbor side of the city has been connected by telephone or is to be guarded by a searchlight.

The furthest point connected by telephone is Jewell's Island, near Harpswell, from which the approach of the "enemy" from the east can be reported quickly. Coming from the west, the station at Two Lights will give a warning long before a squadron could reach this port.

The Fortunate Hotel, 1,000 francs St. Lawrence river, N. Y. Grand summer resort. Open through September.—Ad.

## CUT THE NEGRO DOWN.

## He Was Being Lynched by a Mob on Suspicion of an Assault.

WHITESBORO, Tex., Aug. 12.—About noon to-day a negro attempted to assault Mrs. Ezra Hart, a white woman. Two hours later a suspect was arrested and was being held for identification when a mob took him from the posse and strung him up to the limb of a tree. Fortunately police from Sherman arrived on the scene and cut the rope, letting the half-strangled man fall to the ground. He was resuscitated and taken to Sherman for safekeeping.

## PIECE OF ANDRE'S BALLOON?

## A. O. Keller Back From the Mackenzie District With an Exhibit.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12.—A. O. Keller is the latest man to present an André balloon story to the world. He arrived here yesterday from the Mackenzie district, one of the northernmost points of Canada.

He said that while the Indians told him by signs of how a white man had come down from the clouds in a balloon and that they were afraid and ran away. When they returned the white man had disappeared, but the wrecked balloon was still there and had been gradually broken up and distributed among the Indians. Keller exhibits a piece of silk which the Indians told him was from the balloon.

Twenty years ago Keller was one of the best known followers of the turf in the eastern United States. He is now a mining man having large interests in the North.

## OPPOSES ROOSEVELT POLICY.

## Negro Attitude and Wood's Promotion Cause a Southern Leader to Quit.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12.—C. Doucet, the vice-president of the Republican Executive Committee of Lafayette, La., has just joined the ranks of the opposition to the Roosevelt negro policy. In appealing to the other white Republicans to join him, Mr. Doucet denounces the "negrophilism" of the President and his efforts to force social equality as part and parcel of good Republicanism, "making it utterly impossible for any decent, self-respecting Southern Republican to longer affiliate with the Republican party, and the favoritism which has made it possible for an obscure army surgeon to rise so rapidly that to-day he stands within measurable distance of the command of the United States Army, over the heads of two scores of veterans who have given gray in the service of their country."

## BRYAN SAYS HE SAID IT.

## He Reiterates That Grover Cleveland Is a Buncle Steerer.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—The denunciation by W. J. Bryan of Grover Cleveland as a buncle steerer was doubted here by many of Bryan's friends. He reached here to-day and was asked about the speech. He said: